

Public Water Systems Drinking Water Awards - 2003

In The Main—Summer, 2003 By Marie Tennant

Twenty-nine public water suppliers were honored May 8 at the Massasoit Community College Conference Center in Brockton for excellence in providing consumers with high quality drinking water. The awards were presented at a breakfast event making the 2003 Massachusetts Drinking Water Awards Ceremony part of the National Drinking Water Week (May 4-10) celebrations. Meteorologist Bruce Schwoegler was the key note speaker who delivered an entertaining yet informative presentation on how accurate weather forecasting can help communities plan for everything from water conservation to snow removal.

Massachusetts' 768 community and non-transient non-community water systems participate in the awards program. Certificates were given to systems that have the best compliance records. Criteria include compliance with state and federal drinking water regulations in the areas of source protection, distribution programs, operator certification, emergency preparedness, and community outreach activities. The awards program acknowledges the challenges public water suppliers face in complying with the stringent Safe Drinking Water Act standards and the daily work of providing customers with safe, dependable drinking water.

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Community Water Systems (>3300 customers):

Amherst DPW Water Division
Orange Water Department
Cherry Valley/Rochdale Water District, Leicester
Cohasset Water Department
Concord Water Department
No. Andover Water Dept DPW
Reading Water Department
COMM Water Dept., Barnstable
Brewster Water Department
Dartmouth Water Division
Mashpee Water Department
Orleans Water Department
Sandwich Water Department

Letters of Recognition:

Westford Water Department
Townsend Water Department
Manchester Water Department
Bridgewater Water Department
Dennis Water District
Harwich Water Department
Haverhill Water Department
Foxboro Water Department
Barnstable Fire District
Chatham Water Department
North Adams Water Dept.

Hudson Water Supply
Mansfield Water Department
Pepperell Water Department
Sudbury Water District
Seekonk Water District

Small Community Systems (<3300 customers):

East Northfield Water Department
Palmer Water District #1
Brookfield Water Department
Douglas Water Department
Wilkinsonville Water Dist., Sutton
Dover Water Company

Consecutive Water Systems:

Agawam Water Department
Wilbraham Water Department
Northbridge Water Department
Beverly Water Department
City of Salem DPW Water Dept.
North Dighton Fire District
Letters of Recognition:
Leino Park Water District
B & M Railroad
Thorndike Fire and Water District
Woodland Water District
Lake Pleasant Water District

Paxton Water Department
Freetown Water Commission
Glenn Ridge Resident Trust
Dover Waterworks Inc.
Acushnet Water Department

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Noncommunity Systems:

Sanderson Academy, Ashfield
Hardwick Elementary School
Deer Island (MWRA), Boston
Wellfleet Elementary School

Letters of Recognition

Chimney Corners Camp, Becket
Quabbin Admin Building, Belchertown
Colrain Central Elem School
Conway Grammar School
Erving Paper Mills
Monument Mountain Regional
H.S., Great Barrington
Hancock Elementary School
New Marlborough Central School
Richmond Consolidated School
Rowe Elementary School
Custom Extrusion, Sheffield
The Ranch Golf Club, Southwick
White Oak School, Westfield
Dion Label Printing, Westfield
Hampshire Regional High School,
Westhampton
Westhampton Elementary School
Genzyme Transgenics Corp., Charlton
Oakham Elementary School
Wee Forest Folk, Carlisle
Cape Cod Air Force Station, Bourne
Sedells Plaza, Carver
Sacred Heart High School, Kingston
G.R. Austin Middle School, Lakeville
Lakeside Landing Inc.
Mullein Hill Christian Academy, Lakeville
SEMASS Resource Recovery Facility,
Rochester
Admin. Bldg. Town Hall Annex, Westport